

Katie



DANIEL 1

DANIEL RESOLVED

Scripture: Daniel 1:8-21

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Cheese, grapes, meat, crackers, broccoli, juice, water, vegetable and meat pictures for under the chairs. Optional: The kids can create a Babylonian palace (get pillows and blankets from a thrift store and decorate an area where they can lounge like Babylonians).

Explain:

Today, we are going to start the book of Daniel. Daniel is in the Old Testament. Daniel was a prophet during the time of the exile to Babylon. You see, Israel rebelled against God and so God allowed them to be carried off into exile in Babylon. While they were there, the Babylonians took the best and brightest and had them serve in their government. Daniel was one of those selected to serve. We're going to learn about him and his life over the next few weeks.

One thing that is important to know about Babylon is that, when they captured a people group, they would bring them to their city and amaze them with the splendor and grandeur of Babylon. After a while, the captives often wouldn't want to go back to their own land.

If you want to set up a "Babylonian scene" in your room, do it now, decorating with pillows and blankets, and whatever else you have.

Read: Daniel 1:8-21

Ask as you Read:

- Why would it defile Daniel to eat those certain foods? (Jewish law forbade it)
- Do you think it would be hard to eat water and vegetables when you saw others eating fine foods and wine? Why or why not?
- Do you notice how, in all of this, it was God who gave Daniel and his friends the wisdom and knowledge they needed? God still gives us wisdom and knowledge when we ask (James 1)
- What does resolve mean? Can you give me an example? (Determined)
- Have you ever had to resolve not to do something for God? What was it? How did it go?

Act it Out:

Have the kids reenact the story in their grand Babylonian palace (or in the room if you chose not to decorate), assigning roles. There will be plates of food that they can eat, with a plate of vegetables for Daniel and his friends. Ensure they know they can eat the other food after.

Play a Game

This is a variation of musical chairs. For extra fun, try to find middle eastern music to play it with.

Under each of the chairs, tape either a vegetable or water or meat or wine. In the beginning, start with a few meats and wines, with mostly vegetables and water. The way it differs from musical chairs is that you will have an equal number of chairs as children. The way they will get out is if they sit on a meat or wine. As it narrows down, have only one meat or wine, meaning only one child gets out per round. Go until there are two kids left, mixing the chairs around so they don't know where the meat/wine is. At the end, the one who sits on the vegetables wins.

Play a couple times.

Memorize: Daniel 1:8a

Close in Prayer



